

Most of us read books to solve a problem. I have tried to address the most common parent/teenager issues with quality and readable solutions. I have most, if not all of these in my library. If you would like to look at one of them, I'm happy to let you borrow them. - Kyle

BASICS

The Bible

THE authority on parenting. Before you look anywhere else, look here. Our children will imitate their environment. If we want them to be people of character, faith, and values, we must be people of character, faith, and values.

30 Days: Turning The Hearts Of Parents & Teenagers Toward Each Other by Richard Ross and Gus Reyes

This is not a book. It is a series of fifteen minute exercises to strengthen emotional ties of families. A must for all families with teenagers.

Accelerate [Parenting Teenagers Toward Adulthood]: How not to find your 25-year-old still living in your basement compiled by Richard Ross --With complete transparency, Kyle wrote a chapter in this book but he does not receive any royalties.

Accelerate prescribes a workable plan for all parents who aspire to launch their children to live their faith and have the maturity to make a difference in the world.

Artificial Maturity by Tim Elmore

Artificial Maturity addresses the problem of what to do when parents and teachers mistake children's superficial knowledge for real maturity. The book is filled with practical steps that adults can take to furnish the experiences kids need to balance their abilities with authentic maturity.

Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids by Kara Powell and Chap Clark

A great resource to help strengthen relationships and identify the best practices that help parents develop faith that will last a lifetime in their children.

The Sticky Faith Guide for your Family by Kara Powell

Loads of ways to help informally lead your family, "as you go."

Parenting with Kingdom Purpose by Ken Hemphill and Richard Ross

This book uses the Bible and current research from the *National Study of Youth and Religion* to provide parents with a fresh approach to raising children that will cut through the chaos of modern life and bring families closer together and the Lord.

Playing for Keeps by Reggie Joiner

The book encourages parents to play the long game and use time as a tool to reinforce faith, morals and life skills.

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity by Reggie Joiner

Quoting the Amazon review, "When parents work in tandem with the faith community to raise their children, they increase their parenting capacity exponentially. Most parents have so many demands on their time that they can't be the kind of parent they desire to be. They need to know the Orange Factor: Two *combined* influences will make a greater impact on kids than just two influences. And it's true. Parents who partner with the faith community are the best way to bring the next generation into the family of God-and keep them there."

UNDERSTANDING THEIR WORLD

Tech Savvy Parenting: Navigating your Child's Digital Life by Brian Housman

This book gives practical tools and resources needed to help the whole family use technology wisely and responsibly.

Right Click: Parenting Your Teenager in A Digital Media World by Kara Powell, Art Bamford, and Brad Griffin

The best part about this book is that it doesn't take a doom-and-gloom approach to technology. It recognized the bad parts AND the good parts, providing a road map for the future.

Hurt 2.0: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers by Chap Clark

Quoting Amazon.com, "If parents, educators, and youth workers were to read only one book about helping adolescence—this would be the one. Chap Clark managed to get inside the world of US teenagers and reveal the depths of angst, pressure and loneliness they feel. Hurt 2.0 illuminates the under layers of teen culture, the places where adolescents are most honest and vulnerable, only to discover that today's youth are indeed a tribe apart—and it is the adults who have isolated them.

When Kids Hurt: Help for Adults Navigating the Adolescent Maze by Chap Clark

When Kids Hurt offers the challenging insights of Hurt to youth workers and parents in a more accessible form, with greater focus on how adults should respond to teens.

Courageous Parenting: The Passionate Pursuit of Your Teen's Heart by David Hutchins

Courageous Parenting is a thoughtful and biblical guide to developing the kind of loving and influential relationship every parent longs to have with their teen.

GENDER SPECIFIC

Raising a Modern Day Knight by Robert Lewis (boys)

What does it mean to be a man? Moreover, how does a father instill these qualities in his son? This book examines these issues and the need for Christian rights of passage.

King Me: What Every Son Wants and Needs from His Father by Steve Farrar (boys)

Using kings of the Old Testament as character studies, the author examines the critical role a father plays in preparing his son to become a godly man.

Raising a Modern Day Princess by Pam Farrel and Doreen Hanna (girls)

Same as Raising a Modern Day Knight, but for teenage girls.

Queen Bees and WannaBes by Rosalind Wiseman (girls)

Wiseman is not a Christian author but she does provide some amazing insight into teenage girl politics and why teen girls act the way they do.